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SUBJECT: THROWN SILK: GATT COUNCIL MEETING JULY 26

REF: GENEVA 5588

1. U.S. DOMESTIC PROCEDURES UNDER SECTION 301 GOING FORWARD
AS FOLLOWS: FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE REQUESTING PUBLIC VIEWS
ON PROPOSED RETALIATION TO BE PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY
13. PUBLIC VIEWS REQUESTED BY AUGUST 15.

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2. WE HAVE TOLD JAPANESE THAT WE WILL NOT RETALIATE WITHOUT
FULL CONSIDERATION OF OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING
THE GATT. WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ASK FOR A WP OR PANEL
AT COUNCIL MEETING BUT WILL ASK COUNCIL DIRECTLY FOR A

RAPID FINDING OF GATT INCONSISTENCY GIVEN THE CLEAR VIOLATION

BY THE JAPANESE IN THIS CASE. THIS KIND OF REQUEST IS NOT UNPRECEDENTED. SHOULD COUNCIL DECIDE TO FORM PANEL OR WP U.S. WOULD OF COURSE ACCEDE BUT POINT MUST BE MADE THAT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AND SERIOUS DAMAGE WILL BE DONE TO U.S. THROWN SILK INDUSTRY IF THERE IS DELAY. IN SUCH A CASE U.S. WOULD POINT OUT THE RAPID DECISION MADE BY WP AND COUNCIL IN RECENT COMPLAINT ARISING OUT OF CUSTOMS COURT ZENITH CASE. WE CONSIDER DISCRIMINATORY JAPANESE ACTION TO REQUIRE NO PROLONGED FINDING OF FACT AS PRACTICE IS ON ITS FACE GATT ILLEGAL AND HAS PRESENT ADVERSE IRREPARABLE IMPACT ON U.S. TRADE.

3. MISSION TOOK CORRECT LINE RE INITIATION OF DOMESTIC PROCEDURES AND CAN REAFFIRM VIEW IN PARA 1 THAT U.S. WILL NOT RETALIATE BEFORE GIVING GATT MECHANISM CHANCE TO WORK.

4. WITH REGARD TO CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE ON THROWN SILK, WE HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE SINCE MID-1976. WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS AT ALL LEVELS BOTH IN TOKYO AND WASHINGTON. WE HAVE INDICATED TO JAPANESE EARLIER THAT WE WOULD RETALIATE IN THE EVENT THAT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THEM TO REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTION. CLEARLY THE NATURE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WAS IN THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE XXIII(1) AND WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSES OF THAT ARTICLE. VANCE

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